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Dear Ms. Hesse,

With utter consternation, I have watched my state attorney general continue to battle Microsoft on the issues raised in the current lawsuit pending with the U.S. Department of Justice. I'm not clear on his motives, given that Iowa is facing a severe budget crisis and the expenses of his continued crusade against Microsoft would be much better used to aid Iowans with their education and security budgets than it is to relentlessly pursue one of the most successful companies in the country.

I'm always amazed when politicians like Tom Miller conveniently use lawsuits as a means to advance their own personal agenda at the expense of the taxpaying public they claim to represent. Anyone with any common sense realizes how ludicrous it is to continue this lawsuit when a settlement has been proposed that addresses the concerns raised in the original complaint.

In my opinion, from its onset, this lawsuit was brought by jealous colleagues who are in awe of Bill Gates and his phenomenal capacity to invent and market his products. Isn't that what America is all about? In a few short years, Gates built one of the most successful and profitable companies in the world, which, by the way, made billions of dollars for investors across the globe. To portray this man as an evil to be "dealt with" is unfair and unwarranted. The Bill Gates and Microsoft legacy will be one that stands the test of time.

Settle this nuisance lawsuit as quickly as possible so we can all get back to business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'La' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

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